

THE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

Toronto

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Dear Member of the Alumnae Association:

I want to address this to each one of you personally, although it is not possible to address you by name. The information which I have to give you, officially, is of such importance to you as an Alumna of The Margaret Eaton School, as well as to the School itself, that I would be glad of an opportunity to talk it over with each, individually.

Early in May, 1941, it was decided by the authorities of The University of Toronto to take The Margaret Eaton School into the University, merging it with the new Course in Physical and Health Education. This new Course was inaugurated in September, 1940, under the direction of Dr. E. S. Ryerson, M.D.C.M.. It has now been made a separate School of the University and grants the degree of Bachelor of Physical and Health Education. It is open to both men and women, and offers a three-year course which is strong in the sciences underlying health and physical education. It gives a desirable amount of time to the practice of physical education activities. Graduates of this Course will be admitted to the Ontario College of Education. We hope and expect that the Departments of Education in other provinces will accept this Course as a prerequisite to their own course in Education, for their teachers of health and physical education. We hope too, that as students continue to come to Toronto for their training in physical education, graduates will go out to many positions of responsibility in the different provinces of Canada.

We believe that this new School will carry on the high standards and useful traditions which have been treasured by The Margaret Eaton School and will at the same time give to our future students that background of university education which the teaching profession is requiring more and more. We are finding that a degree is essential for many positions which are referred to our office, and I believe that this demand will increase in the future. The future student will find many advantages at the University which we have not been able to offer. She will work under experts in the scientific field, such as Dr. C. H. Best and Dr. W. E. Blatz, and other men of world standing. She will have the use of the University library, excellent laboratory facilities, and the Health Services, and will share in the social and athletic activities.

Several of our Staff members will go into the University with the School. Miss Layton, Miss Jackson and I have been given appointments on the new Faculty, and Miss Naylor, temporarily. Mrs. Rayner and Mrs. Allen had already indicated their desire to retire to private life. The building at 415 Yonge Street will be the headquarters of



the new course for some time to come, probably until after the war is over. The students who entered in September, 1940, will continue with the Senior curriculum of The Margaret Eaton School, and will graduate in May with its diploma. Those who have Senior Matriculation have the opportunity to enter the new Course with advanced standing in some courses, but I do not know yet whether any of them will decide to make the change. The new students entering this year will register for the new Course in the University.

We hope that you will continue to refer girls who are satisfactory candidates for this profession to the School of Physical and Health Education of the University of Toronto, as you have in the past referred them to The Margaret Eaton School. The favourable publicity given our school by its graduates has been one of the factors leading to the large increase in our student enrolment in the last few years, and this loyalty and help have been greatly appreciated. There will be two "Margaret Eaton" Scholarships of \$500.00 each, which will probably be offered to second and third year women who have done excellent work in the first year. This is a gift to the University from the Eaton Estate. We expect, also, that the name which we all love will be perpetuated by a Memorial Library in the proposed Women's Building of the University, a building which will be devoted to the women students as soon as it can be properly undertaken. This library will be a gift of our School.

If any of you have an urge for further study and advancement in health and physical education, and if you have your Senior Matriculation, why not consider returning to school and taking the degree course. Some credit will be given for your work at The Margaret Eaton School. I cannot tell you how much this will be until some of you have had your record passed upon. Write to us for a calendar of the School of Physical and Health Education. Follow the instructions given for admission with advanced standing. Your qualifications will be considered individually.

Many of you will remember that negotiations have been under way for a number of years for some kind of affiliation with the University of Toronto. Miss Hamilton had been working for it for many years, and the "Co-operation" which was granted by the University in 1934, was the first step toward this final amalgamation. Knowing that many people most interested in the welfare of the School desired such a connection, I have continued to work for it, at the same time attempting to maintain and build up the efficiency of the School so that it might go to the affiliating body with an enviable reputation in Physical Education. With the splendid co-operation of Staff, Students and Alumnae, I believe this has been accomplished within the possibilities of a privately owned school, and I give up my stewardship with the hope that it has the approval of you all. Remember that The Margaret Eaton School will continue to exist in its Alumnae, and I sincerely hope that your groups will continue to be active in every part of the Dominion.

Cordially yours,

*Florence A. Somers*



## Report of Bursary Comm Chairman - 1949

Madame President, Miss Somers, Honourary and Fellow members of the Alumnae. Since this is to be the report of the Bursary Fund, it naturally follows that money is our main main object and I might as well start right out by giving you a financial statement. From the circular letters sent out last year to all members of the Alumnae, we collected

Our Theatre Night this year netted us \$135.00 and the donations in response to our out-of-town letters amounted to leaving a total of \$3

In passing, I'd just like to say a brief word about the Theatre Night, the value of which I feel can't be counted only in dollars and cents. The response was really wonderful and I was most grateful to the Year Secretaries who spent many long evenings on the telephone. I was particularly ~~thrill~~ thrilled that it seemed to stimulate and revive some of our less active members and made a very happy re-union for many of us. etc.

This, I know, is a Social Gathering and not considered a regular Alumnae meeting but for me, as Chairman of the Bursary Committee, it is a golden opportunity which I simply could not ignore and so with ~~Miss Somers~~<sup>the</sup> permission of Miss Somers and our Honourary Members, I'd like to take just a minute or two to tell you of a few difficulties the Bursary Committee is facing and to ask for your expression of opinion. I wasn't able to be at the meetings when the Bursary was originally discussed but from what I understand, it had a



double purpose, - not only to assist a worthy student but to give meaning and direction to the activities of the Alumnae which we must all admit had reached a rather precarious state. Our 1st year has shown the value of our efforts, - our Theatre Night has already proved that there's life in the old girls yet, - and two students have benefitted from their Camp experience.

This Fall, as you no doubt know, there will not be a Semptember Camp and we are faced with the problem of whether to withhold the money this year or give it to a student for books or some other purpose. The idea behind the Bursary for Camp was that \$50.00 gave a student a rich experience which she would otherwise have had to forgo since Camp is not compulsory and other expenses would be more pressing. Also, \$50.00 covered this entire period for one girl but <sup>sum</sup> the same amount seemed a rather minor amount toward her books or totla fees..

On~~e~~ the other hand, if no Bursary is given this year are we going to find it as easy (did I say easy? '.) to raise more funds next year or will it look like a dead issue.

As you know, from the first there has been talk of a Capital Fund. At the rate we have been going, - and may I point out that we've been speeding lately in comparison to what we've done in the past or may hope to continue to do in future, - but even at this rate, the Capital Fund will take at least 20 years to be self-supporting, - and at that I'm being fairly optimistic. We would all like to think that



we could have a permanent Bursary in the name of the Margaret Eaton School Alumnae but what we have to decide, I think, is, - - is it practical to try to build up this Capital Fund or should we give as we receive, - always retaining enough to carry us for at least 1 or 2 more years.

I understand that no mention is made ~~in the~~ in the S.P.H.E. Calendar this year of the Alumnae Bursary so we are quite free to do as we choose. The point is now - - What do we choose?

So may I put it this way. Is it your opinion that we should withhold the Bursary this year and make it a Camp Bursary again in 1951 - or - should we give a Bursary this year to be used at the discretion of the worthy recipient?

Those in favour etc etc

There is to be a meeting later of the Bursary Committee and your expressions of opinions will be most helpful to us.

Thank you.

*Helen Parsons -  
Chairman of the Bursary Committee*



Moved by - Win. Prendergast.  
& seconded by Dot Conacher  
That the burseries be used  
for camp, and the capital  
funds be built up the  
no. of burseries to be decided  
by the committee.

The above resolution was  
passed at a brief meeting  
following the Annual Dinner  
11 May 1948. - but in view of  
the decision of the S.P.H.E. to  
discontinue the Sept. camp -  
a new decision re. the  
Bursary will have to be  
made.



Statute passed by Senate of U.S.  
establishing the two <sup>camp</sup> series



## President's Report -49-'50

To me it is a very gratifying thing to have so many of you here this evening. The Annual Dinner has always been a rallying point - a gathering of the class, to speak and so again I say "Welcome". However, meetings held throughout the year have not always been so largely attended. This year, after last year's burst of activity & re-union at the theatre night has been a more or less inactive one. I would say it has been a time of re-setting our sights.

We held one meeting at the home of Bea Grammall and one of the problems discussed there was that of electing officers. With such small attendance at meetings we don't get a proper election & frankly it is just a scramble after one willing person per each job. We decided to face this situation and a motion was passed whereby each executive member was made

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responsible for getting her own successor at the end of her term of office. Other meetings could be called by the executive should they find it necessary. Otherwise this Annual Dinner would be our one gathering for the year. I think the point of all this is that we shouldn't try to hold meetings just for the sake of holding meetings that is socials etc. because for the most part they just don't seem to come off. but if some project needs doing that would be an appropriate thing for our Alumnae to accomplish then we should take it.

Helen Parsons will shortly be giving her report on our present project the Bureau. Just now I'd like to bring to you a suggestion that has come to us as something that the Alumnae might be interested in namely:-





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